

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: Central Valley Regional Board Irrigated Lands Program –
Information Item

BACKGROUND: The Central Valley Regional Water Board has developed the Irrigated Lands Program to address water quality issues resulting from irrigated agricultural lands in the Central Valley Region. A part of that Program is the *Conditional Group Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands* (Conditional Waiver). The Conditional Waiver was renewed and updated in June 2006. Petitions were filed with the State Water Board requesting review of the Conditional Waiver. On May 17, 2007, the State Water Board dismissed the Petitions (letter attached), and on May 18 the State Water Board suggested convening a joint workshop with the State Board and Central Valley Water Board to discuss and hear comments on possible future changes in the Conditional Waivers. The State Board posed several questions for discussion by the Regional Water Board and public.

The attached staff report provides Regional Water Board responses to the May 18 questions. The joint workshop will provide an opportunity for both Boards to receive comments from the Regional Water Board staff and the public on these issues.

RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item. No action will be taken at this meeting.

Mgmt. Review _____
Legal Review _____

13/14 September 2007 Regional Water Board Meeting

City of Clovis Council Chambers
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